

Mass Intentions

<i>Saturday December 26, 2015</i>		<i>Sunday December 27, 2015</i>	
4:30 p.m.	+Stan & +David Ritchie	9:00 am	+Fernando & Filomena DiGiovane
	+Ken Keeler		+Francesco Sabatino
	+For the deceased members of the Szczepanik Family		
		11:00 am	+Josephine Farrugia

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn continuously for 7 days
in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony



Update for the Liturgy of the Word with Children and Volunteers

needed: Beginning in the 2016, there will be some positive adaptations and clarifications applied to the Liturgy of the Word with Children which takes place during the Sunday 11:00am Mass. These guidelines are in accordance with *The Directory for Masses with Children* from *Documents on the Liturgy*. In order to make the quality of the Liturgy of the Word more affective for children, volunteer leaders will be required

to read and put into use the document *Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children: Guidelines for Practice* issued by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2006. They will also use "The Complete Children's Liturgy Book" and "Liturgy of the Word with Children" (These resources will be supplied by the parish). Through these resources and under the guidance of Fr Donatello, leaders will be prepared with readings, reflections and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word with children will be geared for **children 4 to 8 years old only**. The Liturgy with children will not take place every Sunday. However, each month leaders will be given a schedule of which Sunday or Sundays the liturgy of the Word will take place. The scheduling of dates, when a separate celebration will take place or not, will be the result of taking in careful consideration the Scripture readings, Feast days, and homiletic topics. Also the Liturgy of the Word with children will take place, at times, in our St Brother Andre Chapel or in one of the designated rooms in the parish hall. As you know many of the ministries at our parish require dedicated volunteers **who attend Sunday mass regularly**. When a parishioner is moved to become a volunteer, or you are one presently, careful thought must be taken. Questions one can ask themselves: Do I practice my faith? Do I attend Mass every Sunday? Do I adhere and believe everything the Catholic Church teaches? Can I commit myself to follow a schedule every month? Will I attend Mass every Sunday even if I am not scheduled to volunteer? If you have answered 'yes' to all of the questions please consider volunteering! If you answered 'no' perhaps you should continue to pray and ask God to help you grow in these areas so that you can be a volunteer one day. In every ministry come to Sunday Mass to lead in the church you are representing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The same is required for those who minister to children celebrating the Liturgy of the Word. Liturgy leaders are active participants at mass and in the celebration of God's word. They have a specific role to fulfill and is taken seriously. If you are interested in volunteering as minister of the word with children and are able to be a committed leader please email Fr Donatello Iocco at pastor@stambroseparish.com or call the parish office at 416-251-8282. A volunteer screening form must be completed along with a police check.



Jubilee of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto - The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each local Church throughout the world, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the chance to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese. These doors, analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, will allow people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage. After the solemn inauguration of the Holy Year – marked by the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica on December 8, 2015 – all locally-designated Churches throughout the world will open their own Doors of Mercy in communion with the Church of Rome as part of the Eucharistic celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The Holy Father has asked that special indulgences be available for the Faithful throughout the Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016). How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence: For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy.

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

☐ St. Paul’s Basilica 83 Power Street, Toronto ☐ St. Patrick’s Parish 131 McCaul Street, Toronto
☐ Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga ☐ St. Anthony of Padua Parish 940 North Park Drive, Bramalea ☐ St. Patrick’s Parish 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton ☐ St. Theresa’s Parish 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough ☐ The Martyrs’ Shrine 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland. More information about the Jubilee of Mercy, including a link to an online space with resources, will follow in the coming weeks.



A BIG THANK YOU to the CWL! On behalf of St. Ambrose parish and Fr Donatello Iocco, we like to thank the Catholic Women’s League for donating \$10,614.00 to cover the cost of our new Allen Organ! The CWL were able to pay for the organ with the funds raised from our annual 2015 Bazaar. The Allen organ is 15 years old but in excellent condition. It is estimated that the organ is worth anywhere from \$18,000 - \$22,000. We were blessed by God this Christmas to only pay half of what it truly is worth! We also like to thank three parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous, who generously gave a total of \$2,050.00 that paid for the new altar candles, missal stand, fabrics for altar, and processional cross.



MERRY CHRISTMAS! May the Nativity of our Lord open our hearts to his tender love and mercy. So that we may manifest his light and joy to others! On behalf of Fr. Donatello Iocco, may you have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends!



Practice Random Acts of Kindness! Something to do in the New Year:

- Buy a box of donuts or chocolates for the office next to yours. Or the kids who hang out on the street corner. Or the UPS person or the mail carrier.
- Bake a cherry pie and leave it on someone’s doorstep.